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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:07−cv−00784

ORDER FOR CONFERENCE AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Counsel shall appear for an initial pretrial and scheduling conference before:

United States Magistrate Judge Stephen Wm. Smith
on May 3, 2007 at 02:00 PM
Courtroom 702, 7th Floor
515 Rusk Avenue
Houston, Texas

2. Counsel shall file with the clerk within fifteen days from receipt of this order a certificate listing all persons, associations of persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, affiliates, parent corporations, or other entities that are financially interested in the outcome of this litigation. If a group can be specified by a general description, individual listing is not necessary. Underline the name of each corporation whose securities are publicly traded . If new parties are added or if additional persons or entities that are financially interested in the outcome of the litigation are identified at any time during the pendency of this litigation, then each counsel shall promptly file an amended certificate with the clerk.

3. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) requires defendant(s) to be served within 120 days after the filing of the complaint. The failure of plaintiff(s) to file proof of service within 120 days after the filing of the complaint may result in dismissal of this action by the court on its own initiative.

4. After the parties confer as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), counsel shall prepare and file not less than 10 days before the conference a joint discovery/case management. **A courtesy copy shall be delivered to Jason Marchand, Case Manager for Magistrate Judge Stephen Wm. Smith, 5th floor, Room 5300.**

5. The court will enter a scheduling order at the conference.

6. Counsel who file or remove an action must serve a copy of this order with the summons and complaint or with the notice of removal.

7. Attendance by an attorney who has authority to bind the party is required at the conference.

8. Counsel shall discuss with their clients and each other whether alternative dispute resolution is appropriate and at the conference shall advise the court of the results of their discussions.

9. A person litigating pro se is bound by the requirements imposed upon counsel in this Order.

10. Failure to comply with this Order may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the action and assessment of fees and costs.

By Order of the Court

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